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Fodder Cultivation
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decrease in the area under fodder cultivation in the country, if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State/UT-wise and the extent to which it has made the impact on milch cattle in the country;
(b) whether the milk production has come down in the country as a result thereof and if so, the details thereof during the above period;
(c) whether the Government proposes to set up fodder banks in various States/UTs under Accelerated Fodder Development Scheme, if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase fodder production in various parts of the country?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) There is no decrease in the area under fodder cultivation in the country. In fact there is a marginal increase in the area under fodder cultivation. (The figures are at Annexure- I)
(b) There is no decrease in the milk production during the period. Infact estimates shows a steady increase. (The figures are at Annexure -II)
(c) & (d) At present there is no proposal for establishment of fodder banks by Government of India. In fact necessary steps has been taken to increase fodder production in various part of the country by providing financial assistance to the States / UTs
under Centrally Sponsored National Livestock Mission of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries with a sub mission on Feed and Fodder Development under the following components:-

S. N. Name of the Components
1. Fodder Production from Non-forest wasteland/rangeland/grassland/non-arable land
2. Fodder production from Forest land
3. Fodder Seed Procurement/ Production & Distribution
4. Introduction of Hand Driven Chaff-Cutter
5. Introduction of Power Driven Chaff-Cutter
6. Distribution of low capacity, tractor mountable Fodder Block Making units, hay baling machines/reapers/forage harvesters
7. Establishment of silage making Units
8. Establishment of by-pass protein production units
9. Establishment of Area Specific Mineral Mixture / Feed Pelleting/ Feed Manufacturing Unit.
10. Establishment/modernization of Feed Testing Laboratories